

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1 1. (Original) An information processing apparatus used by a plurality of different
2 operators or operator groups, comprising:

3 a form display unit operable to display a form together with information to be
4 processed;

5 an identification information reception unit operable to receive identification
6 information from a current operator, while the form is being displayed together with the
7 information;

8 an operator identification unit operable to judge whether or not the received
9 identification information identifies a specific operator or operator group; and

10 a display change unit operable to make a specific display item which the specific
11 operator or operator group is permitted to operate, appear on the displayed form without
12 changing the displayed information, when the operator identification unit judges in the
13 affirmative.

1 2. (Original) The information processing apparatus of Claim 1,

2 wherein when the operator identification unit judges in the affirmative, the display
3 change unit (a) makes the specific display item appear on the displayed form if the specific
4 display item is invisible on the displayed form, and (b) makes the specific display item disappear
5 from the displayed form if the specific display item is visible on the displayed form.

1 3. (Original) The information processing apparatus of claim 1,
2 wherein when the operator identification unit judges in the affirmative, the display
3 change unit further makes, if a display item which the specific operator or operator group is
4 prohibited to operate is visible on the displayed form, the display item disappear from the
5 displayed form.

1 4. (Original) The information processing apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 a storage unit storing a permission list which shows all operators or operator
3 groups, including the specific operator or operator group, that are permitted to operate the
4 specific display item,
5 wherein the operator identification unit identifies an operator or operator group
6 from the received identification information, and
7 the display change unit makes the specific display item appear on the displayed
8 form, if the identified operator or operator group is included in the permission list.

1 5. (Original) The information processing apparatus of Claim 1,
2 wherein the received identification information is a character string, operation
3 sequence information, biometric information, or a combination thereof, and
4 the operator identification unit judges in the affirmative, if the received
5 identification information matches a specific character string, specific operation sequence
6 information, specific biometric information, or a combination thereof.

1 6. (Original) The information processing apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 a storage unit storing form definition information which defines the form
3 containing the specific display item,
4 wherein the form display unit displays the form according to the form definition
5 information, in a state where a visibility property of the specific display item is set to invisible,
6 and
7 the display change unit redisplay the form according to the form definition
8 information, in a state where the visibility property of the specific display item is set to visible.

1 7. (Original) The information processing apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 an acquisition unit operable to acquire form definition information which defines
3 the form containing the specific display item, from outside the information processing apparatus,
4 wherein the form display unit displays the form according to the form definition
5 information, in a state where a visibility property of the specific display item is set to invisible,
6 and
7 the display change unit redisplay the form according to the form definition
8 information, in a state where the visibility property of the specific display item is set to visible.

1 8. (Original) An information processing system which is used by a plurality of
2 different operators or operator groups and comprises a server apparatus and a client apparatus,
3 wherein the server apparatus includes:
4 a form display data transmission unit operable to transmit first data showing a
5 form to the client apparatus;
6 an identification information receiving unit operable to receive identification
7 information of a current operator, from the client apparatus;
8 an operator identification unit operable to judge whether or not the received
9 identification information identifies a specific operator or operator group; and
10 a display change data transmission unit operable to transmit second data showing
11 a specific display item which the specific operator or operator group is permitted to operate, to
12 the client apparatus, when the operator identification unit judges in the affirmative, and
13 the client apparatus includes:
14 a form display unit operable to receive the first data from the server apparatus,
15 and display the form shown by the first data;
16 an identification information reception unit operable to receive the identification
17 information from the current operator while the form is being displayed, and transmit the
18 identification information to the server apparatus; and
19 a display change unit operable to receive the second data from the server
20 apparatus, and make the specific display item shown by the second data appear on the displayed
21 form.

1 9. (Original) A method of managing an operator change in an information
2 processing apparatus which is used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups,
3 comprising:

4 a form display step of displaying a form together with information to be
5 processed;

6 an identification information reception step of receiving identification information
7 from a current operator, while the form is being displayed together with the information;

8 an operator identification step of judging whether or not the received
9 identification information identifies a specific operator or operator group; and

10 a display change step of making a specific display item which the specific
11 operator or operator group is permitted to operate, appear on the displayed form without
12 changing the displayed information, when the operator identification step judges in the
13 affirmative.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 9,

2 wherein when the operator identification step judges in the affirmative, the
3 display change step (a) makes the specific display item appear on the displayed form if the
4 specific display item is invisible on the displayed form, and (b) makes the specific display item
5 disappear from the displayed form if the specific display item is visible on the displayed form.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 9,

2 wherein when the operator identification step judges in the affirmative, the
3 display change step further makes, if a display item which the specific operator or operator group
4 is prohibited to operate is visible on the displayed form, the display item disappear from the
5 displayed form.

1 12. (Original) The method of Claim 9,

2 wherein the specific display item is associated with a permission list which shows
3 all operators or operator groups, including the specific operator or operator group, that are
4 permitted to operate the specific display item,

5 the operator identification step identifies an operator or operator group from the
6 received identification information, and

7 the display change step makes the specific display item appear on the displayed
8 form, if the identified operator or operator group is included in the permission list.

1 13. (Original) A method of managing an operator change in an information
2 processing system which is used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups and
3 includes a server apparatus and a client apparatus, comprising:

4 a form display data transmission step, performed by the server apparatus, of
5 transmitting first data showing a form to the client apparatus;

6 an identification information receiving step, performed by the server apparatus, of
7 receiving identification information of a current operator from the client apparatus;

an operator identification step, performed by the server apparatus, of judging whether or not the received identification information identifies a specific operator or operator group;

a display change data transmission step, performed by the server apparatus, of transmitting second data showing a specific display item which the specific operator or operator group is permitted to operate, to the client apparatus, when the operator identification step judges in the affirmative;

a form display step, performed by the client apparatus, of receiving the first data from the server apparatus, and displaying the form shown by the first data;

an identification information reception step, performed by the client apparatus, of receiving the identification information from the current operator while the form is being displayed, and transmitting the identification information to the server apparatus; and

a display change step, performed by the client apparatus, of receiving the second data from the server apparatus, and making the specific display item shown by the second data appear on the displayed form.

14. (Cancel) A computer-executable program for use in an information processing apparatus which is used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups, comprising codes for executing the steps of any of Claims 9 to 12.

15. (Cancel) A computer-executable program for use in an information processing system which is used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups and includes a server apparatus and a client apparatus, comprising codes for executing the steps of Claim 13.

1 16. (New) A computer-executable program for use in an information processing
2 apparatus which is used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups, including a
3 server apparatus and a client apparatus, comprising codes for executing;
4 a step of displaying a form together with information to be processed;
5 a step of receiving identification information of a current client apparatus;
6 an operator identification step, performed by the server apparatus, of judging
7 whether or not the received identification information identifies a specific operator or operator
8 group;
9 a display change data transmission step, performed by the server apparatus, of
10 transmitting second data showing a specific display item which the specific operator or operator
11 group is permitted to operate, to the client apparatus, when the operator identification step judges
12 in the affirmative;
13 a form display step, performed by the client apparatus, of receiving the first data
14 from the server apparatus, and displaying the form shown by the first data;
15 an identification information reception step, performed by the client apparatus, of
16 receiving the identification information from the current operator while the form is being
17 displayed, and transmitting the identification information to the server apparatus; and
18 a display change step, performed by the client apparatus, of receiving the second data
19 from the server apparatus, and making the specific display item shown by the second data appear
20 on the displayed form.

21 17. (New) A computer-executable program for use in an information processing
22 system which is used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups and includes a
23 server apparatus and a client apparatus, comprising codes for executing the steps;
24 a display step of displaying information to be processed;
25 an identification information reception step of receiving identification information
26 from a current operator, while the form is being displayed together with the information;
27 an operator identification step of judging whether or not the received
28 identification information identifies a specific operator or operator group; and
29 a display change step of making a specific display item which the specific
30 operator or operator group is permitted to operate, appear on the displayed form without
31 changing the displayed information, when the operator identification step judges in the
32 affirmative.

33 18. (New) The computer-executable program of Claim 17,
34 wherein when the operator identification step judges in the affirmative, the
35 display change step (a) makes the specific display item appear on the displayed form if the
36 specific display item is invisible on the displayed form, and (b) makes the specific display item
37 disappear from the displayed form if the specific display item is visible on the displayed form.

1 19. (New) The computer-executed program of Claim 17,
2 wherein when the operator identification step judges in the affirmative, the
3 display change step further makes, if a display item which the specific operator or operator group
4 is prohibited to operate is visible on the displayed form, the display item disappear from the
5 displayed form.

1 20. (New) The computer-executable program of Claim 17,
2 wherein the specific display item is associated with a permission list which shows
3 all operators or operator groups, including the specific operator or operator group, that are
4 permitted to operate the specific display item,
5 the operator identification step identifies an operator or operator group from the
6 received identification information, and
7 the display change step makes the specific display item appear on the displayed form, if
8 the identified operator or operator group is included in the permission list.